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History Against Move To Make Nixon Next President

The forthcoming effort to build up Vice President Richard M. Nixon as the logical successor to President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1960 would seem to have historical precedents against its success.

Only three U. S. Vice Presidents have succeeded to the presidency by direct election and all of them were in the early years of the Republic. John Adams succeeded George Washington. Thomas Jefferson succeeded John Adams. Martin Van Buren succeeded Andrew Jackson.

In the six other instances in which Vice Presidents have stepped into the Chief Executive's job, they have done so on the death of the President.

National Association of Electric Companies, the so-called electric power lobby, is taking a plane load of reporters around the country to show them the private enterprise side of the public power issue.

First scheduled stop is Niagara Falls, where the newsmen will be guests of the five companies contesting New York Power Authority's development. Next stop, San Francisco, where Pacific Gas and Electric Co. will be host. Then Portland, where Pacific Power and Light will take over. Two days will be spent at Boise as guests of Idaho Power and Light, which is applying for certificate to build three dams on the Snake River in place of the one high Hell's Canyon dam.

At Spokane, Washington Water Power Co. will tell its story and a trip may be made into Montana where Montana Power Co. is the big producer. Last stop will be at Denver for Colorado Public Service Co.

Budget Director Joseph M. Dodge recently instructed all government agencies to start charging more for the services they give the public. The idea, long under study by the Budget Bureau, is to stop giving something for next to nothing and to cut government expenses.

Department of Labor, however, has just announced it is cutting the fees for contracting Mexican labor for the big farms and ranches of the southwest from \$11 to \$6 a head. Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell admits that it costs the government more than this to bring Mexican laborers to the U. S. But he was forced to take this action to reduce a revolving fund set up by Congress for this purpose, before the law expires at the end of 1955.

Pipe and Tobacco Council is naming a poll to select the ten most distinguished pipe smokers. Many of the nominees are Washington characters, including Curtis Ching, who has a big, curved stem pipe in his mouth practically every waking minute that he isn't eating or washing his face.

Another continuous pipe smoker is Uncle Billy Leiserson, former railway labor mediator, but he smokes mostly matches. He lights up, takes one puff and then lights up again.

Other Washington pipe smokers of note are J. Edgar Hoover, Allen Dulles of Central Intelligence, Senators Herbert